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«District_Supt_Title» «District_Supt_Fname» «District_Supt_Lname»
«District_Name»
«District_Supt_Address_1»
«District_City», MT «District_Supt_Zipcode»

Dear «District_Supt_Title» «District_Supt_Fname» «District_Supt_Lname»,

I would like to notify you that the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) has selected «Letter_Statement» to participate in the 2016 administration of the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students in the United States know and can do in various subjects. Selected schools represent schools across the nation, and their participation provides NAEP an accurate picture of student performance.

NAEP will administer mathematics, reading, and writing pilot assessments on tablets with keyboards at grades 4, 8, and 12. Results from these pilot assessments will not be released but will be used to inform future NAEP assessments. As in previous years, federal NAEP staff will provide support to schools, bring all necessary materials and equipment, including tablets, and administer the assessment.

Selected schools are notified in advance so that principals can place the assessment window (January 25 to March 4, 2016) on their calendars. Starting in July, each school will receive its assessment date. Schools may work with the Office of Public Instruction's NAEP State Coordinator if there is a conflict with the scheduled assessment date.

The list of selected schools from your district is attached and includes the assessment type for each school. Please include the NAEP assessment window (January 25 to March 4, 2016) on your district test calendar. Information about NAEP can be found in the enclosures and at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/tba/>. Ashley McGrath, Montana's NAEP State Coordinator, will contact your staff with additional information.

Thank you for supporting this important assessment!

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: List of District Schools Selected for NAEP
Facts for Districts
2015-2016 Assessment Calendar